



TOWN OF HUDSON

Benson Park Committee

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Benson Park Committee Meeting Minutes Oct. 2, 2014

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Benson Park Committee was called to order by Chair H. Schibanoff at 7:00pm, Oct.2, 2014, in the Buxton Community Development Room, Town Hall.

_____ led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

2. Attendance:

R. Alio, J. Barnes, A. Desrosiers, D. Empey, S. Jasper, and Alternate S. Kancharla

Vacated: K. Bowen and Dana Sion-Morin

Excused: Selectman Liaison B. Nadeau (late) and Alternate Selectman Liaison P. Nichols

3. **Public Input** – Rep. Bob Haefner, Chairman of the Hudson Senior Council of Aging, came before the committee to announce that the Senior Council would like to purchase 2 benches for the outside of the Hudson Senior Center, and possibly a 3rd bench. An additional request was made for the placement of four benches throughout the park to assist seniors for breaks/rest stops. (These four benches would be purchased by others.) The Seniors felt that there were not enough benches throughout the park One bench was recommended to be placed halfway from the parking lot gate to the Gorilla House. The request was tabled until a determination for the placement of the additional benches is reached. The installation would take place in the spring.

4. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of Sept. 4, 2014

J. Barnes made a motion to accept the Minutes of Sept. 14, 2014

D. Empey second the motion

Five (5) Ayes (2) Abstentions

5. Old Business

A. Update on ACT/TD Tree Day – the Tree Planting event was very successful – beginning with the demonstration for the proper way to plant a tree. Much appreciation is extended to our sponsors for their financial support and labors. Country Brook Farm supplied 3 employees and 40 trees (of 6 different species.) The trees will provide good nesting, food, block the winds, and provide shade.

B. Budgets- 2016 the budget is basically the request from last year (going back to FY 2014) Non-recurring expenses should allow the consideration of other needed projects and flexibility for additional cleaning services for the Porta-potties.

**S. Jasper made a Motion to approve the budget.
J. Leone Second the Motion
All in favor-Motion Carries**

6. New Business

Clean-up Saturday, October 11, 2014

7. Other Business/Remarks by Committee Members

R. Alio stated that the Hudson Junior Women's Club has requested another sign for for the Butterfly Garden at the pergola area.

**S, Jasper. made a motion to accept the request for an additional sign.
J. Barnes second the motion.
All in favor – motion carries.**

He also commented on an Adopt-a-Spot between Swan Lake and Moose Pond. The flower bed area has been unintentionally trampled, and the family is looking for suggestions to divert foot traffic. Further consideration will be needed so that a proposed plan revolving around the theme of park will be carried out.

D. Empey suggested the Rec Dept. monitor the Porta-potties after large groups have visited the park to determine if additional cleaning services are needed. Chair H. Schibanoff will contact Dave Yates.

J. Leone stated that there is a new lock on the Office door, and the Town Administrator would hold the key – along with the key for the Old Shoe (and back-up keys). The Friends of Benson Park will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Supper on Oct. 25th. There will also be a Photo Day at the dog park on Oct. 12th.

A. Desrosiers praised the newly planted trees and landscape bordering the dog park.

Chair H. Schibanoff announced that he and D. Empey are continuing to work on the policy for generators within the park.

B. Nadeau commented on the TD Tree Day and praised it as successful venture. He thanked TD Bank, its employees, and volunteers for participating in this event. The organizers were taken on tour of the park, and B. Nadeau hopes that the group will consider future projects at Benson Park.

Next Meeting

Nov. 6, 2014

Adjournment 8:04pm

**H. Schibanoff made a Motion to Adjourn
S. Jasper Second the Motion
All in favor-Motion Carries**